(c) the financial projection in terms of additional resource generation by the proposed creation of New Zones and financial expenditure anticipated for the administrative infrastructure to be developed for this creation?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government had decided to set up six new Railway Zones in 1996 as under:—

1. East Central Railway with Headquarter at Hajipur
2. North Western Railway with Headquarter at Jaipur
3. East Coast Railway with Headquarter at Bhubaneswar
4. North Central Railway with Headquarter at Allahabad
5. South Western Railway with Headquarter at Bangalore now Hubli
6. West Central Railway with Headquarter at Jabalpur.

It was also decided to set up another zone at Bilaspur in 1998. All the seven new Zones have since been notified.

(c) The new Zones are created, by carving them out of existing Zones, based on the criteria of workload, accessibility, geographical sprawl and pattern of traffic flows and other administrative and operational requirements, so as to provide relief to the heavily worked Zones and improve their efficiency. Financial projections (in terms of additional resource generation) have neither been made nor it is feasible to quantify them, however, even a small increase in efficiency is expected to give rich dividends. The anticipated expenditure would be around Rs. 600 crore, including Rs. 58 crore, already spent.

Wildlife in Madhya Pradesh

*88. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of national parks, sanctuaries, nature and bio-sphere reserves and tiger projects in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the details regarding the names, locations areas notified in primary notification and the areas, finally notified under the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act; and

(c) the quantum of funds allotted to the State for wildlife management, rehabilitation of oustees from protected areas, eco-development, demarcation and protection of these areas, development of rescue centres, etc. during the last three financial years?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BALLU): (a) The number of National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Tiger Reserves and Biosphere Reserves in Madhya Pradesh are nine, twenty five, five and one respectively.

Details regarding names, locations, area of national Parks, Sanctuaries, Tiger Reserves and Biosphere Reserve in Madhya Pradesh are given in the Annexure, I II & III respectively. (*See* below).

(c) The details of funds released to the State Government for wildlife management, rehabilitation of oustees from Protected Areas, Eco-development, demarcation and protection of these areas and development of rescue centres during the last three financial years are as follows:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
Wildlife Management, demarcation and protection of areas	484.363	615.762	571.53
Rehabilitation of oustees from Protected Areas	201.08	200.00	300.00
Eco Development	480.997	449.47	875.764
Rescue Centre	Nil	Nil	Nil

Statement I

Names, locations and area of National Parks/Sanctuaries in Madhya Pradesh

The details of the names, locations, area of National Parks and Sanctuaries in Madhya Pradesh notified in primary notification and final

notification under the provision of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 are as follows:

1. National Parks

Three National Parks namely Kanha, Bandhavgarh and Madhav were notified prior to Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 coming into effect.There have been additions in the areas of these parks from time to time.Therefore, the details of the areas notified in preliminary notification in respect of these National Parks are not available. The total area of these national parks is 940 sq. kms., 488.852 Sq. Kms. and 346.597 Sq. Kms. respectively. Information in respect of other national parks is as follows:—

(Area in Sq. Km)

Sl. No.	Name of National Park	Location	Area of the National Parks	
			Area under Preliminary Notification	As in Final Notification
1.	Van Vihar	Bhopal	4.45	4.45
2.	Fossil	Mandla	0.27	Final notification not issued
3.	Panna	Panna Chhatarpur	542.67	-do-
4.	Pench	Seoni	292.85	-do-
5.	Sanjay Gandhi	Sidhi, Sarguja	1938.012	-do-
6.	Satpura	Hoshangabad	585.17	-do-

2. Sanctuaries

Prior to Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Act, 1991 coming into effect, the process of two stage notification was not applicable in regard to

notification of sanctuaries. The location and area of such sanctuaries are as under:—

(in Sq. km)

Sl. No.	Name of Sanctuaries	Location	Area of the Sanctuary
1.	Gandhi Sagar	Mandsaur	368.62
2.	Ghatigaon	Gwalior	512.33
3.	Narsinghgarh	Rajgarh	57.179
4.	National Chambal	Morena	435.00
5.	Palpur, Kunu	Morena	344.68
6.	Sailana	Ratlam	12.96
7.	Sardarpur	Dhar	348.12
8.	Kheoni	Devas, Sehore	122.70
9.	Ralamandal	Indore	2.34
10.	Bagdara	Sidhi	477.00
11.	Bori	Hosangabad	485.72
12.	Ken Gharial	Chhatpur, Panna	45.20
13.	Noradehi	Sagar, Damoh, Narsinghpur	1194.67
14.	Pachmarhi	Hosangabad	654.49
15.	Panpatha	Sahadol	245.84
16.	Phen	Mandla	110.74
17.	Ratapani	Raisen, Sehore	823.84
18.	Sanjay Dubri	Sidhi	364.59
19.	Singhori	Raisen	287.91
20.	Songharial	Sidhi	41.81
21.	Panna (Gangau)	Panna	262.12
22.	Pench	Seoni	118.47
23.	Karera	Shivpuri	202.21

After Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Act, 1991 coming into effect, only two new sanctuaries namely Orcha and Veerangana Durgawati have been notified. Final notification in respect of Orcha has not been made so far, whereas final notification in respect of Veerangna Durgawati has been made. The location and area of such sanctuaries is as under:—

(in Sq. km)

Sl. No.	Name of Sanctuaries	location	Area of Sancutary	
			Area under Preliminary Notification	As in Final Notification
1.	Orcha	Tikamgarh	44.42	Final Notification not issued
2.	Veerangana Durgawati	Damoah	NA	23.923

Statement II

Names, location and area of Bio-sphere Reserves in Madhya Pradesh

The details of the names, locations, area of Bio-sphere Reserves in Madhya Pradesh is as follows:—

Sl. No.	Name of Bio-sphere Reserves	Location	Area in Sq. Km.
1.	Pachmarhi	Parts of Betul, Hoshangabad and Chindwara Distts.	4926.28

Statement III

Names, Location and area of Tiger Reserves in Madhya Pradesh

The details of the names, locations, area of Tiger Reserves in Madhya Pradesh are as follows.

S.No.	Name of Tiger Reserves	Location	Area in Sq. Km.
1.	Kanha	Mandla Balaghat	1945
2.	Pench	Seonal	758
3.	Bandhavagarh	Shahdol, Jabalpur	1162
4.	Bori Satpura	Hoshangabad	1486
5.	Panna	Panna, Chhatarpur	542

Foodgrains production

*89. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimate of total foodgrains production this year; and

(b) what was the figure of foodgrains production last year?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) According to the Fourth Advance Estimates as on 27.06.2002, the production of foodgrains during 2001-02 is expected to be 211.32 million tonnes.

(b) The production of foodgrains during 2000-01 was estimated at 195.92 million tonnes.

Bifurcation of Eastern Railway Zone

*90. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI JIBON ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to bifurcate the Eastern Railway Zone;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the West Bengal Government has opposed this decision to form a New Zone by splitting the Eastern Railway Zone; and